

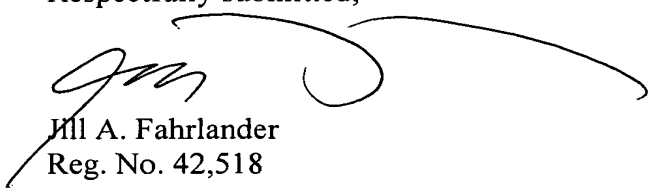
### REMARKS

With entry of the Amendment, claims 22-32 are pending. In the Office Action mailed November 4, 2003, the Examiner indicated that this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, that claims 22-32 are allowed, and prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with Ex parte Quayle.

Applicants have canceled claims 33 and 34, drawn to a non-elected invention, without prejudice to filing a continuation application thereon. Applicants have amended the specification to include the appropriate reference to the parent application to which the instant application claims priority. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

No fee is believed due in connection with this amendment. In the event that a fee is owing, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0842 for such fee. In the event that there are any additional issues that can be expedited by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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